

SCHAIDT HOUSE

AL-VI-B-111

23 Front Street, Lonaconing

Built 1860 - Remodeled 1890's

The Schaidt House is a large frame structure that was constructed during the 1860's for John Parrot, a superintendent for the American Coal Company. The original house had seventeen rooms, four baths and approximately twenty outbuildings. Despite the fact that it has been converted to a two family dwelling, the house remains in near original condition.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Schaidt House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

STATE

Maryland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth  
COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Gustave Schaidt

Telephone #: 463-6548

STREET &amp; NUMBER

23 Front Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21539

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 119

Folio #: 330

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION***ALV-B-111***CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The Schaidt House is located at 23 Front Street, Lonaconing, Allegany County.

The Schaidt House is a large, rectangular, clapboard structure that is two stories high and three bays wide. A "T" shaped rear wing abuts the main block on the southeast side. At present, the entire structure is covered with replaced asbestos shingles. The roof is gabled with a boxed cornice and returns and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Pairs of scrolled brackets support the soffit. The entire structure rests on a low stone foundation. Windows in the house are double hung wooden sash frames with a combination of six over six, four over four and one over one lights. Each window is topped by a cornice supported by two ornamental brackets. Both the southwest and the northeast sides of the building are interrupted by a two story bay window. The main entrance is located on the northwest side of the building and features a vertically paneled door with a transom, cornice and brackets. The entrance is covered by a wrap-around porch with a hipped roof supported by pairs of brackets. The porch itself is supported by chamfered columns, scrolled brackets and an elaborate balustrade. On the second floor of the main facade, a one bay porch covers a second entrance. The porch, which has a ballustrade, chamfered columns, and an elaborate pierced frieze, supports a central cross gable with scrolled brackets and pendants. Stone pillars and lattice work form a base for the main porch. Two corbeled, brick chimneys, one of which has four flues, are located in the interior of the main block.

Located at the rear of the house is a clapboard carriage house with a high stone foundation. It is presently being used as a garage. North of the house is an elaborate frame dog house. The building, which is one story high and three bays wide, rests on a low stone foundation. It has a gable flank roof with a central cross gable. The roof has been covered with replaced asphalt shingles and a small lattice work ventilator ornaments the cross gable. Two board and batten entrances with original hardware flank the only window which consists of a six light sash with a cornice. Below the window is a small trap door used to provide an entrance for the owner's dogs.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY    | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

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|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | Built ca. 1860<br>Remodeled 1890's | BUILDER/ARCHITECT | American Coal Company |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Although there is some evidence that the Schaidt House may have been constructed on an earlier foundation (a cornerstone dated 1796 was found during an excavation in the basement) it is thought that it was probably constructed in the 1860's, for John Parrot, a superintendent for the American Coal Company and remodeled in the 1890's shortly before it was sold by the coal company to a private owner.<sup>1</sup> The house has seventeen rooms and four baths. The rear wing housed the kitchen, laundry, other utility rooms and probably servants quarters, while the main block was used to house the superintendent and his family. The fireplaces in the main block, were remodeled in the 1890's along with the rest of the house. As a result, they are now faced in a type of white glazed brick which is unique to the George's Creek area. The original wainscotting is still visable in both the kitchen and the laundry rooms as are the original built-in kitchen cupboards. Doors in the kitchen area are board and batten with original hardware.

According to its present owner, the Schaidt House originally had as many as twenty outbuildings. These included several greenhouses, an ice house, a carriage house and an elaborate dog house. At present, only the dog house and a carriage house are still standing. In addition, the house had its own water system which included a stone reservoir and a gravity flow water tank located on the slope behind the house.

Little is known about the original inhabitant, John Parrot, other than the fact that he was superintendent of Jackson Mine, one of the mines owned by the American Coal Company. The present owner, Gustave Schaidt, inheirited the house from his father who purchased it from the coal company. Although he has converted it to a two family dwelling, it nevertheless retains much os its original fabric and appearance.

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<sup>1</sup> Interview with Gustave Schaidt, Present owner, February 10, 1977.

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

2/24/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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TITLE SEARCH

Schaidt House

Allegany County Deed; Liber 119, Folio 330  
grantee: Gustave Schaidt  
grantor: William H. Cole, Trustees  
September 14, 1916  
Consideration: \$5,010.00

Allegany County Deed; liber 111, Folio 6  
grantee: John McFarland & Gustave Schaidt  
grantor: James P. Anderson  
October 2, 1912  
Consideration: \$3,500.00

DATE: February 10, 1977REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Schaidt HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Front Street, Lonaconing, Maryland 21539DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NorthwestNAME OF OWNER: Gustave Schaidt 463-6548ADDRESS: 23 Front StreetLonaconing, Maryland 21539

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(X) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Large rear block Carriage House and OuthouseDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

## WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
(X) Other: Coverings Asbestos

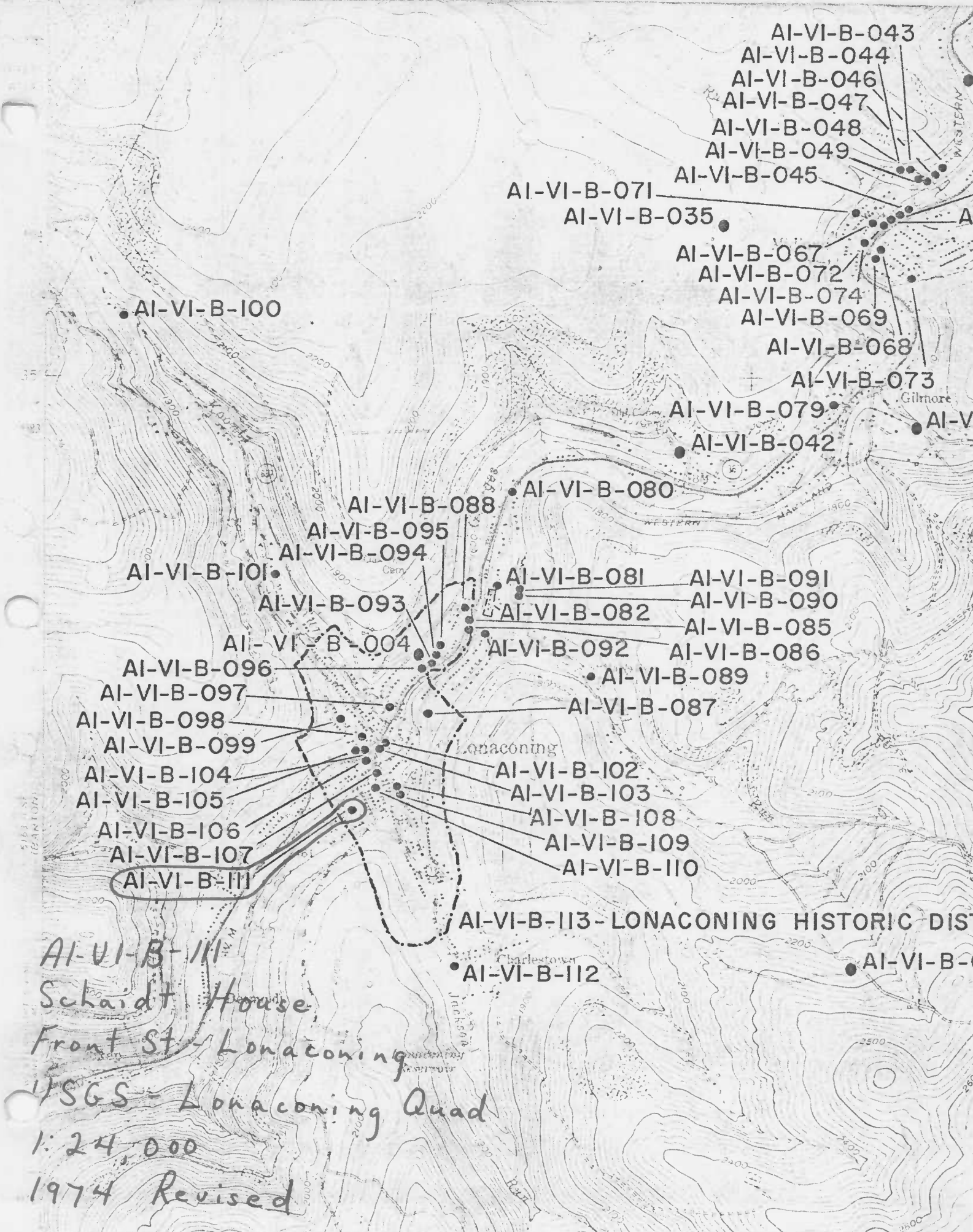
WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERSFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(X) 2/2( ) 6/6(X) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) Brackets  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment (X)ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: NorthHARDWARE: original(X) replaced( )FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAINPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Bracketsoriginal( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,  
ArchitraveROOF: CABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip(X) gable( ) Wrap around

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(X) STONE( ) CORBELLED(X) original(X) replaced( )LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior (X)ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

## COMMENTS:

Use - Two family dwelling  
Significance - ARchitecture  
Date Constructed -  
Condition - FAir



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Schmidt House  
Front St - Lonaconing  
USGS - Lonaconing Quad  
1:24,000  
1974 Revised





Schmidt House

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Front St., Lonaconing

2/10/77

John E. Nelson

East



Schaidt House

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Front St., Lonaconing

2/10/77

John E. Nelson

Southwest



Schmidt House

AI-VI-B-III

Front St., Lonaconing

2/10/77

John E Nelson

North



Schaidt House - (Dog House)

A1-V1-B-III

Front St., Lonaconing

2/10/77

John E. Nelson

North